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EXPORT AND IMPORT MERCHANDISE TRADE: OCTOBER 1970

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today a seasonally adjusted October 1970 export total of $3,706.9 million, excluding Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments, and a seasonally adjusted general import total for October of $3,528.0 million. Comparable seasonally adjusted totals for September were $3,534.9 million for exports and $3,397.5[1] million for imports.[2] [3]

The Bureau noted that the October seasonally adjusted export total is the second highest total on record being exceeded only by the all time high figure of $3,776.0 million reported in June 1970. Seasonally adjusted imports for October reached a new record high, exceeding the previous high of $3,397.5[1] million (September 1970) by $130.5 million.

Based on seasonally adjusted figures, the October trade surplus[4] is $178.9 million. The net total surplus for the first 10 months of this year is $2,591.3 million.

During the first 10 months of 1970, exports on a seasonally adjusted basis were at an annual rate of $42,912 million (about 15 percent above the calendar year 1969 total of $37,332 million). Imports were at an annual rate of $39,802 million (about 10 percent above the calendar year 1969 total of $36,043 million). For the 4-month period July-October 1970, seasonally adjusted exports averaged $3,631.7 million per month, a level about 2 percent above the $3,575.0 million average reported for the preceding 4-month period, March-June 1970. Imports averaged $3,382.9 million for the current 4-month period, about 3 percent higher than the $3,282.9 million average reported for the preceding 4-month period.

Seasonally adjusted export and import totals for selected Schedule A and B commodity sections and divisions are shown in tables 4 and 5. (Unlike the overall total, the commodity components for exports exclude foreign merchandise and include DOD Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments.)

Exports, unadjusted for seasonal change and excluding Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments, increased from $3,335.2 million in September to $3,916.7 million in October. With Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments included, October exports were valued at $3,975.3 million as compared to $3,374.0 million in September. Unadjusted general imports amounted to $3,598.9 million in October and $3,451.9[1] million in September.

[1] *The September seasonally adjusted and unadjusted import figures appearing in tables 1 and 3 of this report have been revised to reflect the inclusion of about $58 million representing imports of certain automotive products from Canada which were received too late to be included in the September statistics and were included in the originally-compiled data for October. The detailed data appearing in table 5 of this report and other October reports and tabulations have not been similarly corrected but will be revised to reflect this change effective with the November statistics.*

[2] *Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation, but not for price level. Factors used to adjust 1970 data represent seasonal adjustment factors derived from monthly data for 1958-1968 and introduced in 1969 combined with the 1970 working-day adjustment factors. Distortions in the 1969 monthly trade patterns occasioned by strikes at Atlantic and Gulf coast ports led to the decision to continue use of the seasonal factors introduced in 1969.*

[3] *Cumulations of data over at least 3- or 4-month periods are desirable to identify underlying trends. Month-to-month changes in exports, imports, and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements. Recent month-to-month percent changes in the overall seasonally adjusted export and import series are presented in the following table with average percent month-to-month rise and decline over longer periods shown for comparison. The average rise and decline figures exclude percentage changes for: (1) the periods December 1964-May 1965 and December 1968-March 1969 because of abnormalities in the data due to effects of strikes; and (2) periods when negligible changes (zero percent) in the level of exports/imports occurred.*

Series	Month-to-month				Average monthly rates of change			
	Sept.-Oct. 1970	Aug.-Sept. 1970	July-Aug. 1970	June-July 1970	Average rise 1964-1969	Average decline 1964-1969	4 months June-Oct. 1970	12 months Oct. 1969-Oct. 1970
Exports....	+4.9%	-1.9%	-2.2%	-2.5%	+4.0%	-3.1%	-0.4%	+0.9%
Imports....	+5.6%	[1]+1.0%	+3.8%	-2.1%	+3.5%	-3.2%	+2.1%	+1.0%

[4] *Defined as exports of domestic and foreign merchandise excluding Department of Defense Military Assistance Program Grand-Aid shipments minus general imports.*

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Import Statistics

General imports are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. Imports for consumption are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and withdrawals from warehouses for consumption.

The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight charges from the foreign country to the United States, and insurance. Value information is required to be reported on import entries in accordance with Sections 402 and 402a of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

It is the objective of the compiling procedures to include shipments, insofar as practicable, in the statistics for the month of import, which is based on the filing date of the import entry or warehouse withdrawal document.[1] However, because of processing problems, there has always been a carryover of a small percentage of items from the actual month of importation to a subsequent month, usually the succeeding month. The carryover should have little effect on month-to-month comparisons of overall totals, since the carryover of the previous month should compensate roughly for that of the following month.

Export Statistics

Exports of domestic merchandise include commodities which are grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States, and commodities of foreign origin which have been changed in the United States from the form in which they were imported, or which have been enhanced in value by further manufacture in the United States. Exports of foreign merchandise include commodities of foreign origin which have entered the United States as imports and which, at the time of exportation, are in substantially the same condition as when imported.

The dollar value shown in the export statistics is defined generally as the f.a.s. value at the U.S. port of exportation. These values have not been adjusted for changes in price level.

In general, compiling procedures provide for the inclusion of shipments in the statistics for the month of export.[2] However, as indicated above for imports, because of processing problems there has always been a carryover of a small percentage of shipments from their actual month of shipment to a subsequent month, usually the following month. The statement above regarding the effect of the import carryover generally applies to exports also.

Revisions to the Statistics

Revisions are carried into the statistics on a periodic basis. Data for 1969 and 1970 appearing in the 1970 monthly issues of this report are presented as follows:

1970 Statistics

a. January through November 1970 issues: figures are as originally issued, except as noted below.
b. December 1970 issue: figures reflect revisions for prior months of the year issued with December 1970 statistics.

1969 Statistics

a. January through May 1970 issues: figures reflect revisions issued with December 1969 statistics or earlier.
b. June through December 1970 issues: figures reflect revisions to 1969 data issued with June 1970 statistics.

In addition to the revisions which are made on a periodic basis, instances may occur where a significant error in the statistics for a month of the current year is discovered after the statistics for that month are compiled. If the error is of sufficient importance to require correction prior to the time that the regular revisions are carried, the correction is made and so noted in this report.

Sources of Further Information

Additional information regarding foreign trade statistics coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the following publications: Report FT 990, Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade; FT 135, U.S. Imports, General and Consumption, Schedule A Commodity and Country; FT 410, U.S. Exports, Schedule B Commodity and Country; and the Guide to Foreign Trade Statistics. Information regarding additional sources of statistics, the methodology used in seasonally adjusting the data, and other matters relating to foreign trade statistics may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

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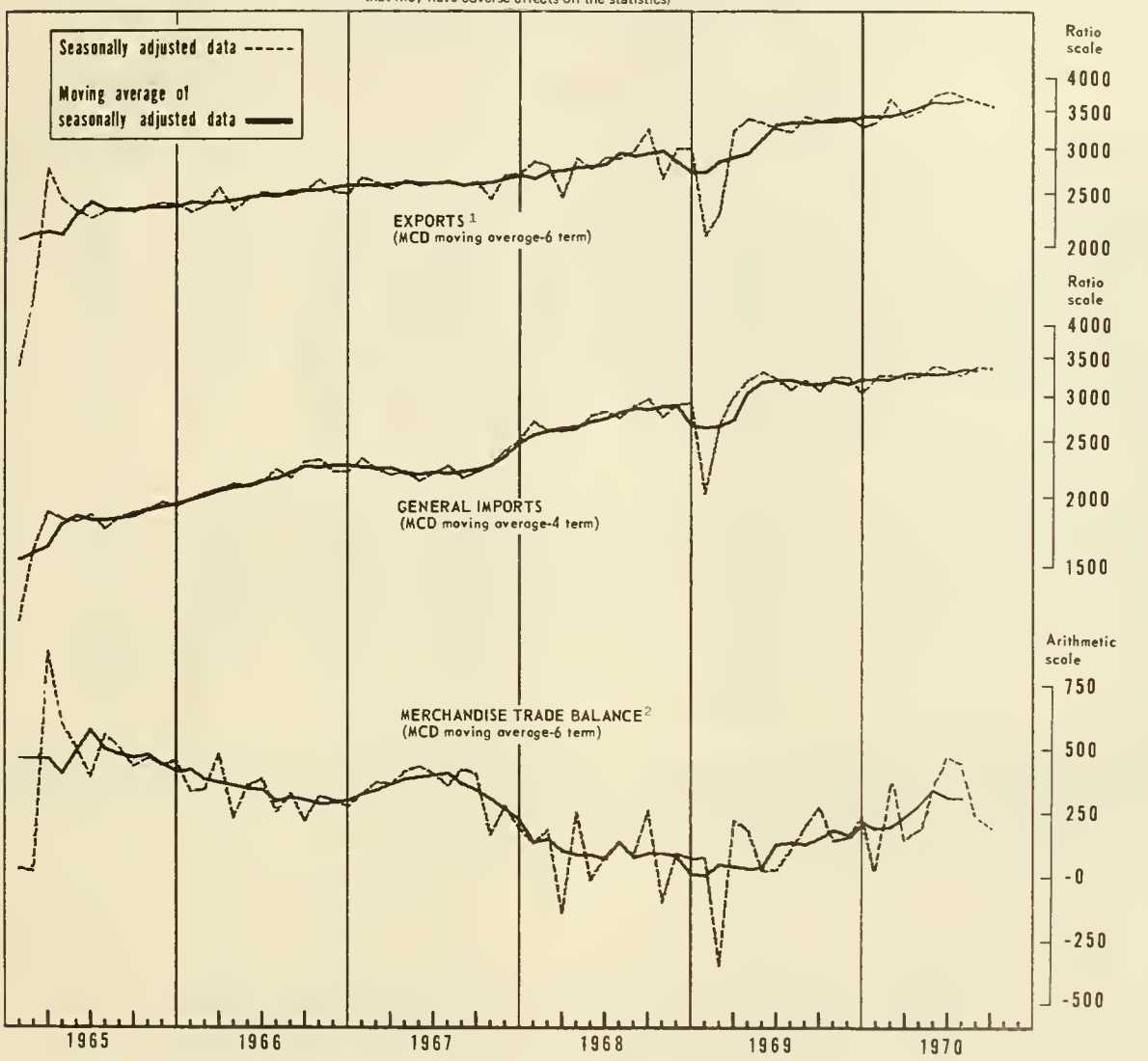
[1] For shipments by vessel, merchandise is not included in the statistics prior to the date of formal entrance of the vessel (i.e., the date of the inward customs manifest for the vessel).

[2] With minor exceptions, the date of export for shipments other than by mail is the date when the shipment leaves the United States, or, in the case of vessel or air shipments, the date when the carrier departs (or is cleared) from the port of export. For mail shipments, the date of export is considered to be the date of mailing.

U.S. Exports, General Imports, and Merchandise Trade Balance, Adjusted For Seasonal and Working-Day Variation: January 1965 to October 1970

(In millions of dollars. Data are not adjusted for unusual changes in the level of activity or coverage such as happens during strikes and other events that may have adverse affects on the statistics)



[1] Represents exports of domestic and foreign merchandise excluding Department of Defense Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments.
[2] Defined as exports (see footnote 1, above) minus general imports.

Table 1. U.S. Exports, General Imports, and Merchandise Trade Balance, Adjusted for Seasonal and Working-Day Variation, by Month: January 1969 to October 1970

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion)

Period and series	January-October	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1969[1]													
Exports[2]	30,688.3	2,094.2	2,312.9	3,197.3	3,352.9	3,296.3	3,211.1	3,168.2	3,370.0	3,323.4	3,362.0	3,365.1	3,238.4
Imports	29,796.1	2,014.1	2,652.7	2,976.2	3,173.5	3,276.2	3,185.4	3,064.4	3,179.1	3,053.8	3,220.7	3,211.5	3,005.5
Merchandise trade balance[3]	+892.2	+80.1	-339.8	+221.1	+179.4	+20.1	+25.7	+103.8	+190.9	+269.6	+141.3	+153.6	+232.9
1970[1]													
Exports[2]	35,760.0	3,305.2	3,628.4	3,379.0	3,449.7	3,695.1	3,776.0	3,683.0	3,601.8	3,534.9	3,706.9		
Imports	33,168.7	3,249.7	3,255.9	3,213.6	3,247.5	3,360.7	3,309.6	3,241.7	3,364.5	[4]3,397.5	3,528.0		
Merchandise trade balance[3]	+2,591.3	+55.5	+372.5	+165.4	+202.2	+334.4	+466.4	+441.3	+237.3	[4]+137.4	+178.9		

[1] Data for 1969 and 1970 reflect seasonal adjustment factors introduced in 1969. See footnote 1 on front page.
[2] Represents exports of domestic and foreign merchandise excluding Department of Defense Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments.
[3] Defined as exports (see footnote 2, above) minus general imports.
[4] Revised. See footnote 1 on front page of this report.

Table 2. U.S. Exports of Merchandise Showing Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid Shipments, by Month: January 1969 to To October 1970

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Exports excluding DOD Grant-Aid			Exports including DOD Grant-Aid		DOD Grant-Aid[2]		
	Domestic and foreign, seasonally adjusted[1]	Domestic and foreign, unadjusted	Domestic, unadjusted	Domestic and foreign, unadjusted	Domestic, unadjusted	Total	Western Europe	Other countries
1969								
January-December	37,291.8	37,331.7	36,787.7	38,005.6	37,461.6	673.9	258.1	415.8
January-October	30,688.3	30,556.1	30,114.9	31,115.4	30,674.2	559.3	202.5	356.7
January	2,094.2	2,057.6	2,017.8	2,112.3	2,072.4	54.6	24.5	30.1
February	2,312.9	2,159.8	2,127.5	2,194.1	2,161.9	34.4	12.1	22.2
March	3,197.3	3,368.0	3,322.8	3,419.3	3,374.1	51.3	21.2	30.1
April	3,352.9	3,505.1	3,455.8	3,564.1	3,514.8	59.0	24.7	34.3
May	3,296.3	3,548.1	3,503.5	3,599.6	3,555.0	51.5	25.0	26.6
June	3,211.1	3,098.1	3,050.7	3,168.2	3,120.8	70.1	29.4	40.8
July	3,168.2	2,994.9	2,952.6	3,042.6	3,000.2	47.7	22.2	25.4
August	3,370.0	3,151.3	3,098.4	3,213.2	3,160.2	61.8	23.2	38.7
September	3,323.4	3,110.4	3,067.2	3,183.7	3,140.5	73.3	6.7	66.6
October	3,362.0	3,562.7	3,518.7	3,618.2	3,574.3	55.5	13.6	42.0
November	3,365.1	3,413.2	3,361.4	3,469.2	3,417.4	56.0	24.7	31.3
December	3,238.4	3,362.4	3,311.4	3,421.0	3,370.0	58.6	30.8	27.8
1970								
January-October	35,760.0	35,501.3	34,968.0	35,963.6	35,430.4	462.4	156.4	305.9
January	3,305.2	3,238.0	3,195.5	3,298.4	3,255.9	60.4	26.7	33.7
February	3,628.4	3,388.2	3,335.7	3,432.1	3,379.6	43.9	8.9	35.0
March	3,379.0	3,581.1	3,542.2	3,623.4	3,584.5	42.3	8.5	33.7
April	3,449.7	3,599.1	3,544.0	3,648.5	3,593.5	49.4	21.1	28.3
May	3,695.1	3,908.7	3,847.5	3,942.3	3,881.1	33.7	13.0	20.6
June	3,776.0	3,719.0	3,671.5	3,770.7	3,723.3	51.7	24.6	27.1
July	3,683.0	3,549.3	3,487.6	3,591.9	3,530.3	42.7	16.0	26.6
August	3,601.8	3,266.1	3,217.6	3,307.0	3,258.5	40.9	16.5	24.4
September	3,534.9	3,335.2	3,282.6	3,374.0	3,321.4	38.9	11.1	27.8
October	3,706.9	3,916.7	3,843.9	3,975.3	3,902.4	58.6	9.9	48.7
November								
December								

[1]Data reflect adjustments for seasonal and working-day variation and do not necessarily add to annual unadjusted totals. The adjusted totals for 1969 and 1970 reflect seasonal adjustment factors introduced in 1969. See footnote 1 on front page.

[2]Data differ from those released in Department of Defense reports because of a difference in statistical definitions. For a further explanation, see footnote 2, table E-1, Report FT 990, Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade.

Table 3. U.S. Imports of Merchandise, by Month: January 1969 to October 1970

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	1969			1970		
	General imports		Imports for consumption, unadjusted	General imports		Imports for consumption, unadjusted
	Seasonally adjusted[1]	Unadjusted		Seasonally adjusted[1]	Unadjusted	
January-December	36,013.1	36,042.8	35,862.7			
January-October	29,796.1	29,810.2	29,659.8	33,168.7	33,005.4	32,897.2
January	2,014.1	2,022.0	2,090.7	3,249.7	3,125.5	3,113.8
February	2,652.7	2,399.1	2,403.6	3,255.9	2,944.3	2,929.3
March	2,976.2	2,988.4	2,958.0	3,213.6	3,385.9	3,370.4
April	3,173.5	3,330.3	3,275.8	3,247.5	3,391.4	3,374.9
May	3,276.2	3,236.6	3,198.1	3,360.7	3,174.9	3,129.5
June	3,185.4	3,214.1	3,179.8	3,309.6	3,504.2	3,546.0
July	3,064.4	3,151.7	3,127.2	3,241.7	3,312.0	3,313.9
August	3,179.1	2,906.6	2,886.0	3,364.5	3,116.5	3,101.7
September	3,053.8	3,130.4	3,106.2	[2]3,397.5	[2]3,451.9	[2]3,429.7
October	3,220.7	3,429.1	3,434.4	3,528.0	3,598.9	3,588.0
November	3,211.5	2,987.0	2,989.9			
December	3,005.5	3,245.6	3,212.9			

[1]Data reflect adjustments for seasonal and working-day variation and do not necessarily add to annual unadjusted totals. The adjusted totals for 1969 and 1970 reflect seasonal adjustment factors introduced in 1969. See footnote 1 on front page.

[2]Revised. See footnote 1 on front page of this report.

Table 4. U.S. Exports of Domestic Merchandise Including Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid Shipments--Schedule B Sections and Selected Divisions, Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted, by Month: January 1969 to October 1970

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Schedule B sections and selected divisions[1]												
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7[2]	71	72	73	8	9
Seasonally adjusted[3]													
1969													
January-December	3,731.7	699.8	3,580.4	1,128.3	[4]307.6	3,368.4	4,546.3	16,417.5	7,186.5	2,679.7	6,559.0	2,444.3	[4]1,224.0
January-October	3,042.6	564.4	2,964.8	907.1	[4]236.6	2,758.9	3,686.1	13,663.9	5,901.2	2,240.3	5,532.7	2,040.5	[4]960.4
January	130.8	17.3	135.5	85.2	[4]14.0	181.5	226.9	1,155.4	407.8	163.0	567.9	157.7	[4]75.4
February	176.8	16.4	180.0	75.9	[4]15.3	197.6	262.9	1,127.4	444.5	182.0	499.2	168.9	[4]55.9
March	309.4	69.9	295.5	85.8	[4]22.3	281.3	380.1	1,414.7	634.1	245.5	548.7	229.8	[4]110.0
April	337.1	53.7	387.5	93.8	[4]31.6	315.3	374.6	1,442.6	626.8	223.8	579.2	207.4	[4]75.7
May	349.6	85.5	324.4	104.3	[4]25.3	306.4	394.3	1,416.8	596.1	241.4	594.0	205.6	[4]87.5
June	380.6	84.1	282.2	103.2	[4]29.0	295.6	379.7	1,328.4	611.1	218.8	502.6	203.4	[4]115.4
July	350.8	63.2	325.2	89.9	[4]27.0	292.7	394.9	1,329.6	602.9	223.8	510.1	205.8	[4]80.2
August	325.4	55.9	338.0	92.0	[4]20.5	301.8	427.8	1,481.9	670.9	256.2	560.2	232.2	[4]109.5
September	332.4	54.4	339.4	85.7	[4]24.6	289.8	415.1	1,435.1	639.9	239.4	573.1	212.5	[4]130.9
October[5]	349.7	64.0	357.1	91.3	[4]27.0	296.9	429.8	1,532.0	667.1	246.4	597.7	217.2	[4]119.7
November	351.5	65.8	314.8	107.0	[4]34.7	304.7	424.5	1,408.0	658.9	232.0	520.4	206.0	[4]153.4
December	337.6	69.6	300.8	114.2	[4]36.2	304.8	435.7	1,345.6	626.4	207.4	505.9	197.8	[4]110.2
1970													
January-October	3,557.2	574.7	3,888.1	1,282.2	[4]404.4	3,235.2	4,299.5	15,096.4	6,992.1	2,496.2	5,618.5	2,153.9	[4]1,233.1
January	328.4	41.1	339.3	102.2	[4]31.0	348.1	450.8	1,437.3	634.1	218.6	563.5	218.9	[4]123.9
February	368.6	51.9	366.4	122.3	[4]26.6	348.8	467.7	1,483.6	692.0	259.0	536.9	218.6	[4]113.2
March	299.1	75.4	361.7	135.1	[4]50.4	318.4	413.1	1,403.2	655.7	241.3	519.5	217.7	[4]117.0
April	308.3	56.4	400.8	128.9	[4]31.1	309.3	419.7	1,436.5	628.2	232.4	565.6	197.3	[4]115.4
May	318.6	66.2	372.9	129.5	[4]41.6	329.7	451.4	1,629.1	657.1	248.4	743.8	200.0	[4]118.6
June	353.7	69.9	431.0	134.7	[4]55.2	345.0	451.8	1,518.6	725.9	270.0	527.9	225.7	[4]156.0
July	382.9	61.8	381.5	136.1	[4]43.8	313.6	431.5	1,539.3	731.8	252.0	559.6	218.7	[4]136.4
August	387.5	43.8	428.8	116.3	[4]40.4	305.4	425.3	1,505.4	752.7	263.1	488.8	221.4	[4]119.3
September	377.5	47.4	422.9	127.3	[4]44.0	290.9	396.0	1,455.4	732.0	245.0	497.2	212.7	[4]115.8
October	432.6	60.8	382.8	149.8	[4]40.3	326.0	392.2	1,688.0	782.6	266.4	615.7	222.9	[4]117.6
November													
December													
Unadjusted													
1969													
January-December	3,732.7	713.5	3,568.6	1,130.2	307.6	3,382.6	4,554.0	16,402.8	7,186.9	2,677.0	6,538.8	2,445.7	1,224.0
January-October	3,024.7	531.9	2,864.1	921.4	236.6	2,790.5	3,711.5	13,587.0	5,924.2	2,236.1	5,426.7	2,046.1	960.4
January	129.5	13.5	138.8	73.8	14.0	166.6	214.9	1,096.6	387.5	165.3	543.8	149.3	75.4
February	168.2	12.6	176.9	61.2	15.3	181.4	243.8	1,087.0	420.8	168.8	497.4	159.6	55.9
March	323.2	52.2	298.7	76.1	22.3	300.5	409.4	1,540.7	695.0	249.1	596.5	241.2	110.0
April	350.4	45.5	384.4	94.4	31.6	331.8	405.3	1,572.3	692.4	238.4	641.6	223.4	75.7
May	362.8	74.1	343.1	110.6	25.3	334.9	430.2	1,563.3	680.7	261.1	621.4	223.2	87.5
June	354.8	69.7	262.8	107.1	29.0	286.1	375.1	1,325.1	599.6	215.5	510.0	195.7	115.4
July	333.0	53.2	300.7	91.3	27.0	298.5	374.5	1,244.5	592.1	213.6	438.8	197.3	80.2
August	312.9	57.5	292.2	104.8	20.5	310.3	410.6	1,319.2	608.8	237.5	472.9	222.6	109.5
September	317.9	73.6	274.0	98.4	24.6	282.6	395.8	1,333.2	578.8	229.4	525.1	209.3	130.9
October[5]	372.0	80.1	392.6	103.6	27.0	297.6	451.9	1,505.2	668.6	257.5	579.1	224.5	119.7
November	373.5	88.7	366.8	106.7	34.7	289.9	411.3	1,391.4	630.1	227.9	533.4	201.0	153.4
December	334.5	92.8	337.7	102.0	36.2	302.3	431.2	1,424.4	632.6	213.0	578.7	198.6	110.2
1970													
January-October	3,525.0	529.0	3,751.4	1,300.7	404.4	3,243.1	4,303.3	14,989.5	6,980.4	2,486.1	5,523.0	2,150.9	1,233.1
January	324.1	31.9	346.4	88.3	31.0	318.5	425.6	1,359.7	600.5	221.0	538.1	206.6	123.9
February	350.5	39.9	360.2	98.6	26.6	320.2	433.6	1,430.2	655.3	240.1	534.8	206.6	113.2
March	314.1	56.7	367.8	120.5	50.4	342.3	447.8	1,537.9	723.2	246.4	568.3	229.9	117.0
April	319.7	47.7	396.8	129.5	31.1	324.8	452.0	1,564.3	692.3	247.0	625.0	212.1	115.4
May	325.0	56.3	387.4	134.9	41.6	354.1	483.9	1,765.9	737.3	264.0	764.6	213.4	118.6
June	336.7	59.1	409.9	142.6	55.2	340.9	455.4	1,545.9	727.4	271.6	546.9	221.6	156.0
July	370.6	53.0	359.8	141.0	43.8	326.1	417.3	1,468.5	732.5	245.2	490.8	213.7	136.4
August	361.5	43.7	359.3	128.5	40.4	304.5	396.0	1,299.2	662.4	236.5	400.3	205.9	119.3
September	363.9	64.7	344.2	147.3	44.0	286.0	380.6	1,363.7	667.6	236.7	459.4	211.2	115.8
October	459.0	75.8	419.5	169.6	40.3	325.7	411.0	1,654.2	781.8	277.6	594.8	229.8	117.6
November													
December													

[1]Schedule B section and selected division descriptions are as follows:

0. Food and live animals
1. Beverages and tobacco
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats
5. Chemicals
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material
7. Machinery and transport equipment
   - 71. Machinery, other than electric
   - 72. Electrical machinery, apparatus, and appliances
   - 73. Transport equipment
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.c.
9. Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind

[2]Seasonally adjusted figures for section 7 may differ slightly from the sum of divisions 71, 72, and 73 since each is independently adjusted.

[3]Data reflect adjustments for seasonal and working-day variation and do not necessarily add to annual unadjusted totals. The adjusted data for 1969 and 1970 reflect seasonal adjustment factors introduced in 1969. See footnote 1 on front page. The adjusted section totals in this table and similar overall monthly totals in tables 1 and 2 were developed independently.

[4]In the absence of demonstrable seasonal patterns for this section, no seasonal adjustment factors have been applied to date.

[5]As a result of the change, effective October 1969, in the category "Low-value shipments" (reflected in Schedule B section 9) which included estimated data for shipments valued under $100 prior to October and now includes shipments valued $250 and under, the statistics for the individual commodity sections and selected divisions reflect some additional undercounting.

Table 5. U.S. General Imports- Schedule A Sections, Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted by Month: January 1969 to October 1970

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Schedule A sections[1]									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Seasonally adjusted[2]									
1969										
January-December	4,519.1	799.5	3,457.6	2,798.9	[3]136.7	1,231.2	7,877.8	9,807.6	4,110.4	[3]1,332.4
January-October	3,705.1	679.9	2,861.4	2,306.6	[3]108.9	1,026.0	6,611.7	8,078.2	3,420.6	[3]1,091.0
January	176.1	23.1	205.5	210.1	[3]6.1	70.1	401.2	582.9	217.5	[3]88.5
February	313.6	30.8	274.7	235.4	[3]12.5	84.0	609.4	695.5	305.4	[3]86.8
March	430.8	60.0	316.3	210.2	[3]11.7	103.1	667.2	695.7	341.8	[3]98.2
April	416.5	58.0	336.1	236.0	[3]11.2	109.1	734.5	845.9	372.7	[3]109.5
May	409.0	97.0	298.4	245.6	[3]13.6	104.1	742.1	877.0	375.6	[3]112.5
June	409.4	106.2	273.0	218.3	[3]8.6	121.0	713.3	866.9	374.6	[3]117.9
July	406.2	85.3	281.8	215.8	[3]11.0	105.0	683.2	775.1	350.5	[3]120.0
August	407.0	78.3	287.9	259.7	[3]10.2	104.0	704.2	915.2	375.2	[3]108.3
September	352.6	68.0	282.3	232.1	[3]10.2	101.2	684.0	908.2	346.3	[3]121.5
October	383.9	73.2	305.4	243.4	[3]13.9	124.4	672.6	915.8	361.0	[3]127.8
November	400.3	65.0	304.2	241.4	[3]11.7	112.3	658.2	934.1	358.7	[3]113.6
December	413.7	54.6	292.0	250.9	[3]16.2	92.9	608.0	795.3	331.1	[3]127.8
1970										
January-October	4,504.7	712.6	2,786.1	2,543.5	[3]127.0	1,214.4	6,940.3	9,304.8	4,056.7	[3]1,057.7
January	467.1	66.6	288.1	241.8	[3]9.6	118.0	690.0	860.8	389.2	[3]89.2
February	449.7	68.7	289.6	285.9	[3]8.6	115.4	650.5	890.7	396.1	[3]89.9
March	442.5	58.1	268.3	264.1	[3]10.2	113.8	677.9	831.5	391.8	[3]105.4
April	466.9	61.2	260.5	243.2	[3]10.1	117.2	651.0	989.5	399.7	[3]107.5
May	441.4	73.9	288.4	262.5	[3]14.2	120.7	705.5	931.9	425.6	[3]95.6
June	465.3	82.6	264.8	241.5	[3]21.1	122.3	683.8	937.4	408.2	[3]111.7
July	430.7	93.3	270.8	209.1	[3]13.1	121.6	685.7	885.9	386.9	[3]113.9
August	480.8	71.1	284.2	288.0	[3]14.9	129.7	705.3	926.9	424.9	[3]105.7
September[4]	432.2	64.9	297.3	245.6	[3]9.2	114.8	718.1	989.2	403.4	[3]118.1
October[4]	428.1	72.2	274.1	261.8	[3]16.0	140.9	772.5	1,061.0	430.9	[3]120.8
November										
December										
	Unadjusted									
1969										
January-December	4,530.6	777.8	3,460.1	2,794.0	136.7	1,228.3	7,892.9	9,762.7	4,127.2	1,332.4
January-October	3,706.5	638.0	2,871.5	2,300.5	108.9	1,026.8	6,636.3	7,999.4	3,431.4	1,091.0
January	169.8	24.6	202.0	249.1	6.1	69.6	398.2	609.7	204.4	88.5
February	287.1	28.6	232.3	230.0	12.5	80.6	533.2	655.9	252.0	86.8
March	438.9	63.8	307.4	225.0	11.7	111.4	653.1	762.9	316.0	98.2
April	438.4	68.1	337.7	238.8	11.2	124.6	784.2	869.8	348.1	109.5
May	396.6	89.1	304.4	219.4	13.6	108.6	761.5	895.5	335.6	112.5
June	398.8	86.8	293.5	212.6	8.6	114.2	726.0	889.9	365.9	117.9
July	414.4	62.8	294.0	221.3	11.0	99.1	728.7	790.7	409.7	120.0
August	363.7	54.1	290.8	227.6	10.2	98.9	645.6	716.8	392.6	108.3
September	368.6	67.1	288.8	229.2	10.2	99.5	707.5	844.7	393.2	121.5
October	430.1	93.0	320.7	247.4	13.9	120.4	698.4	963.5	413.9	127.8
November	369.4	72.7	274.8	201.4	11.7	101.8	620.1	872.3	349.2	113.6
December	454.7	67.2	313.8	292.1	16.2	99.7	636.5	891.0	346.6	127.8
1970										
January-October	4,467.9	673.1	2,778.5	2,530.6	127.0	1,208.5	6,920.8	9,204.6	4,036.8	1,057.7
January	431.6	68.0	271.4	274.7	9.6	112.2	656.2	862.5	350.3	89.2
February	411.5	63.7	244.7	279.3	8.6	110.8	569.2	839.9	326.8	89.9
March	473.0	64.8	273.7	296.6	10.2	129.0	696.2	957.1	380.0	105.4
April	488.8	71.5	260.5	244.9	10.1	133.2	691.4	1,012.3	371.3	107.5
May	409.2	64.9	281.2	224.2	14.2	120.5	692.1	909.5	363.5	95.6
June	475.5	70.9	298.7	246.8	21.1	121.1	730.3	1,009.6	418.4	111.7
July	436.3	68.2	280.5	213.1	13.1	114.1	726.2	897.4	449.2	113.9
August	435.1	49.8	290.7	255.5	14.9	124.9	654.5	735.0	450.4	105.7
September[4]	447.8	63.5	301.5	240.4	9.2	111.9	736.1	912.0	453.8	118.1
October[4]	459.3	87.9	275.7	255.0	16.0	130.8	768.6	1,069.5	473.1	120.8
November										
December										

[1]Schedule A section descriptions are as follows:

0. Food and live animals
1. Beverages and tobacco
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats
5. Chemicals
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material
7. Machinery and transport equipment
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.
9. Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind

[2]Data reflect adjustments for seasonal and working-day variation and do not necessarily add to annual unadjusted totals. The adjusted data for 1969 and 1970 reflect seasonal adjustment factors introduced in 1969. See footnote 1 on front page. The adjusted section totals in this table and similar overall monthly totals in tables 1 and 3 were developed independently.

[3]In the absence of demonstrable seasonal patterns for this section, no seasonal adjustment factors have been applied to date.

[4]The detailed figures appearing in this table for October are overcounted and the detailed figures for September are undercounted by about $58 million representing certain import entries covering shipments of automotive products from Canada which were included in the compiled data for October. However, the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted overall totals appearing in tables 1 and 3 of this report have been revised to reflect correct totals for October and September. Data on these commodities will be correctly reflected in this table in the November issue of this report.

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